

## WHITMAN PRAISED HIGHLY BY LAWYERS

Overcame Great Difficulties, They Agree,  
Emphasizing Ethical Value of the Trial  
and Vindication of Jury System.

Prominent lawyers in the city who have followed the Rosenthal case closely were unanimous last night in their praise of the District Attorney's work. The tremendous difficulties which blocked the action of the prosecution at every step and the finesse with which these difficulties were overcome, culminating in the bold stroke of Mr. Whitman in placing Becker on trial and reserving the four gunmen until the last, were striking features they agreed, of a case which will go on record as by far the most important of its kind in the legal history of the country.

Strong emphasis was also laid upon the ethical value of the trial and the effect of such an exhibition of swift justice from the point of view of the public in general. As a vindication of the sound principle of the jury trial as conducted in this country, the work of Mr. Whitman again came in for enthusiastic commendation.

Ex-District Attorney DeLancey Nicolai said he had been greatly interested in the case on account of the effect the Rosenthal murder had had upon the European

in Europe at the time the crime was committed," said Mr. Nicolai, "and the criticism of press and public alike was scathing. The result of this trial is, accordingly, peculiarly gratifying to me, for it is a new and emphatic vindication of the spirit of the American public and of American jurisprudence. The news of the conviction of the principals in the case will go far toward counteracting the bad impression which the Metropole shooting made in England and on the Continent. I could not imagine anything finer than Mr. Whitman's handling of the whole case. The trial of Becker was not only a fine example of strategic skill but of Mr. Whitman's great personal courage and determination as well, considering the powerful interests which were behind the criminals."

Martin W. Littleton said that not only the District Attorney but the city was to be congratulated upon yesterday's verdict. "Mr. Whitman has won a great victory," said Mr. Littleton, "and what he did he did swiftly and without any flourish."

## UNDERWORLD STIRRED BY ROSENTHAL CASE

Alliance of Police Lieutenant and Gunmen  
Brought Out in Spite of Mayor's  
Indifference.

The action of the drama which reached its secondary conclusion yesterday began late last June. Now only the final scene in the deathhouse, when five men will forfeit their lives for the death of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, is lacking.

Word went around the underworld, "Rosenthal has squealed again!" The gambler had at last defied the system. He had refused further tribute and offered to tell the District Attorney what he knew.

The man who most dreaded this revelation was Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, secret partner in Rosenthal's gambling ventures, big, prosperous and daring, a police blackmailer, whose checkered career was a matter of comment yet who had managed to escape exposure. Becker summoned his confidential satellite, the fawning, soft-spoken gambler, Jack Rose, whose real name is Jacob Rosenschwartz.

"I want Herman Rosenthal croaked," was the order Becker issued to Rose. The master had spoken. The slave had no choice but to obey. Rose had no wish to defy the system.

Immediately he found his friend "Bridge" Weber, an opium den proprietor, stuss room owner and gambler. Weber called to their council his shadow, Harry Vallon, and to this group was added a dapper little dude, "Sam" Schepps, an East Side portrait enlarger, whose crafty brain was needed in the combination. But Schepps was not fully trusted with the secrets of the main conspirators, and as a result Becker was robbed of the best fruits of his skill.

On July 12 Becker, Vallon, Rose and Weber perfected their plans for removing the "squealer." Two days later Rosenthal gave out the affidavit that was his death warrant.

Meanwhile "Jack" Zelig was in the

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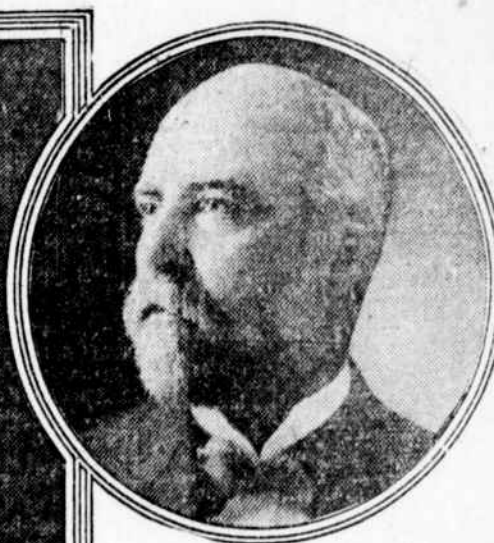
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## THE INSTRUMENTS OF THE LAW IN THE ROSENTHAL MURDER TRIAL.



DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHITMAN.

Who planned the case and directed its working from the night the murder was committed.



ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRANK MOSS.

Who conducted the prosecution in the court.

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## BUSINESS MEN UNITE IN PROTEST AGAINST ROAD

Bridgeport Citizens Follow Example Set by Norwalk Pastors in Arranging Meeting.

## CENSURE FOR COMMISSION

Watching for Danger a Part of Its Duty—Inspectors at Greens Farms Making Investigation.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 19.—Connecticut has arisen in rebellion against the New Haven Railroad system and its management because of the numerous accidents which have wrought disaster upon its lines in the last few months. Following the lead of the forty Norwalk ministers who are arranging a mass meeting in their city, Horace H. Jackson, a prominent member of the Bridgeport Business Men's Association, has started a movement here to hold a large gathering to demand better and safer service.

The Public Utilities Commission, which was created seventeen months ago after a heated political campaign and its members named by Governor Baldwin, is coming in for its share of censure. The law creating the commission prescribes that the duties of the members include keeping informed as to the condition of the equipment and operation of all public service companies. In the seventeen months the commission has been in existence nine railroad disasters of magnitude have occurred on the New Haven system, and four of them have concerned the highest class trains in the service. In these wrecks 29 persons were killed and nearly 250 injured.

H. W. Belknap, chief inspector of the Division of Safety of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has gone to New Haven personally to examine witnesses who may wish to testify as to the causes of the four wrecks which have occurred during the last few days in various parts of the state. A public inquiry is to be instituted in New Haven to-morrow, under the auspices of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

George B. McGinty, assistant secretary of the commission, who is in charge of the investigation at Greens Farms with a staff of inspectors, was busy on the ground all to-day.

"We are making a rigid investigation of track conditions and equipment with a view of definitely placing the responsibility for the lives lost here," he said.

All of the movements of the inspectors are being directed from the Washington offices of the commission.

None of the rolling stock damaged at the Greens Farms wreck remains on the scene to-day. While the big dining car was being removed yesterday it was shunted upon a siding near the freight station. The brakes were damaged and the car left the rails a second time and carried away a part of the walls of the station. The platforms of both car and station were demolished.

## HYDE TRIAL BEGINS TO-DAY

Joseph G. Robin Will Be State's Chief Witness.

The long deferred trial of Charles H. Hyde, former City Chamberlain, who is charged with bribery, will begin to-day before Justice Goff in the extraordinary term of the Supreme Court. Max D. Steuer, counsel for Hyde, informed District Attorney Whitman yesterday that his client would be ready for trial to-day when his case was called. A special panel of talesmen has been ordered to report.

The prosecution will be conducted by District Attorney Whitman and Frank Moss and John K. Clark, Assistant District Attorneys. Mr. Whitman himself will open the case for the prosecution. Although Justice Goff will doubtless expedite the trial so far as he is able, it is expected that considerable time will be consumed in choosing a jury. Hyde, it is alleged, while City Chamberlain forced Joseph G. Robin, of the Northern Bank, to lend \$15,000 to the Carnegie Trust company, which was then near disaster. Hyde, it is alleged, promised that if the loan was made he would increase the city funds on deposit with the Northern Bank.

Joseph G. Robin will be an important witness against Hyde, and it may be that the conclusion of the trial will mark the end of his confinement. Since he pleaded guilty to grand larceny eighteen months ago, he has been awaiting sentence by Justice Seabury. At that time he agreed to give every possible assistance to the District Attorney.

## ALLENS' EXECUTION POSTPONED.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 19.—The date for the execution of Floyd Allen and his son Claude S. Allen, for the Hillville Court-house murders, was postponed to-day by Governor Mann from November 22 to December 13, so that Claude Allen might appeal to the United States Supreme Court on the ground that his life had been twice placed in jeopardy.

## CHIEF DATES IN ROSENTHAL CASE.

Crime committed July 16.  
Becker indicted, July 29.  
Accomplices confess, July 29.  
"Jack" Zelig killed, Oct. 5.  
Becker trial begun, Oct. 7.  
Becker convicted, Oct. 24.  
Trial of gunmen begins, Nov. 10.  
Trial of gunmen ends, Nov. 19.

## TIME TAKEN BY JURIES IN CELEBRATED MURDER TRIALS.

	Hrs. Mins.
Molineux (first trial).....	7 22
Molineux (second trial).....	10 10
Patrick trial.....	2 58
Thaw (first trial).....	43 20
Thaw (second trial).....	14 40
Beattie.....	58
Becker.....	7 53

Tombs on a charge of carrying a gun, "framed up" by Becker. Zelig was a master gunman. Rose, Vallon and Weber, with the financial aid of "Sam" Paul, another East Side gambler, bailed Zelig, on condition that he furnish the actual assassins. Four of Zelig's men who were known to be good at team work were selected to do the shooting. They were Frank Muller, alias "Gyp" Lewis; Harry Horowitz, alias "Lefty" the Blood; Louis Rosenberg, alias "Lefty" Louis; and Frank Croftel, alias "Dago" Frank. Two of them had killings to their credit and the others were willing enough.

But when it came to the pinch Rose faltered and tried to avoid actual murder. Becker was insistent, however, and brought pressure to bear until he had stiffened the nerves of his agent.

So one night, the first week in July, the gang lay in wait for Rosenthal in front of the Garden Restaurant. But again Rose's nerve failed and nothing happened.

The publication of Rosenthal's affidavit on July 14, and his visit to the District Attorney the next day made further delay impossible. On the fifteenth Becker prepared an elaborate alibi. That night Rose met Vallon and "Jack" Sullivan at the "Sam" Paul Association, where they hired an automobile. They attended a boxing bout at Madison Square Garden, where they met Becker. Then Rose and Vallon went to the home of Dora Gilbert, Rosenthal's first wife, and got from her an affidavit bitterly hostile to Rosenthal, for Becker's use in discrediting the gambler.

On the way back to Sharkey's saloon the red car lost a tire, so on his arrival Rose telephoned to the Café Boulevard for the notorious gray "murder car," No. 4133, driven by "Willie" Shapiro. Vallon, Schepps and Rose went out and collected the gang, Weber being sent to find the victim. At 1 o'clock in the morning, July 15, he was found at the Metropole. As he passed out of the door, an hour later, four men standing together on the sidewalk facing the café fired in unison. The gambler fell dead.

Seven policemen were within five hundred feet of the spot, yet the four gunmen ran to the gray car, across the street, and escaped unchecked. Only one officer, Fife, who was in the Metropole at the time, dashed after them. He stumbled over the body, and when he arose dared not use his revolver for fear of hitting bystanders.

The news of the murder was flashed about the city. District Attorney Whitman was called out of bed and rushed to the West 47th street station. His presence there was responsible for the entry on the blotter of the correct number of the murder car, after seven incorrect numbers had been supplied. It was the suspicious nature of this blotter that first gave color to the story that members of the Police Department were implicated in the crime.

Meanwhile, Rose reported to Becker and received his congratulations and thanks for the night's work. Becker went to the station house and, in the presence of District Attorney Whitman, viewed the body, then met Rose and Weber and arranged for payment of the assassins.

Then followed a period of activity by Mr. Whitman and of corresponding inactivity on the part of the Mayor and the police. The graft charges of Rosenthal were taken up by the grand jury the morning after the murder. Becker meanwhile had offered as a complete alibi that he had dropped "Jack" Sullivan from his car at 52d street and Sixth avenue a half-hour before the murder and motored home.

July 18 Becker was relieved from active duty and assigned to clerical work at Headquarters. Mayor Gaynor at the same time went so far as to write to Commissioner Waldo, scoring Becker for dining "with such a scoundrel" as Rose. Becker was called to the City Hall and grilled by the Mayor. Waldo announced the next day that he would not suspend Becker until he had legal proof of his guilt.

Developments Begin.  
From this time on things moved rapidly. On July 19 it was learned that Becker's alibi crossed the route of the murder car shortly before the murder, and that

Becker had really dropped "Jack" Sullivan at "Bridge" Weber's, where the murderers met before the crime. On July 21 Weber and "Sam" Paul were arrested and Deputy Commissioner Dougherty admitted for the first time that Becker was open to suspicion. Meanwhile it had been learned that Becker had a comfortable bank account, was building a handsome home in the Bronx and owned real estate besides.

Becker explained that much of this money came from his wife's savings as a school teacher, but his story of his married life was disproved by the discovery of a former marriage and divorce.

Then came the admission of Becker's chauffeur that he had been coached by Becker in his story and the confession of Shapiro, driver of the murder car. Jack Sullivan was arrested and identified as being present at the crime. On July 29, Rose, Weber and Vallon told what they knew, and Becker was indicted and arraigned for murder.

Two days later "Whitey" Lewis was caught by Dougherty's men in the Catskills. Sam Schepps was taken at Hot Springs, Ark., on August 10, as a witness. Soon afterwards the other gunmen were taken and all were indicted.

Two days before the opening of the trial Jack Zelig was killed by "Red Phil" Davidson. This was believed to be a blow at the prosecution, but no connection between it and the Rosenthal case has been established.

The trial began on October 7 and ended one minute before midnight on October 24. The details are too fresh in the public mind to need repetition here.

The trial of the four gunmen began on November 9, and the jury was completed the next day.

## NUMBER TRIED UNUSUAL

Six Anarchists in Chicago, Five Italians in Westchester.

The trial of four men at the same time, as in the case of the four gunmen convicted yesterday, is most uncommon.

Six anarchists were convicted in Chicago for deaths during the Haymarket riots in 1886.

Five men were tried together for the murder of Mrs. Mary Hall in November, 1911, on the Griffin farm, near Croton Lake, Westchester County. The men, Italian laborers, were convicted. Later another laborer was convicted. The five men were executed the same day.

For the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, Wilkes Booth and two conspirators were tried together.

Although there were eight prisoners arrested and tried for the shooting of Judge Massey, Commonwealth Attorney Foster, a sheriff, two jurymen and one girl by the members of the Allen gang in the Hillville Court-house, in Virginia, no two were tried together.

## NO NEWS REACHES BECKER

Not Until Gunmen Reach Death-house Will He Know.

Warden Kennedy of Sing Sing Prison, asked yesterday if Charles Becker had been informed in the deathhouse that the four gunmen had been found guilty of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, answered that Becker would receive no information on the subject until the four men were brought to the prison. It was against the rules of the prison, said the warden, for a condemned man to receive any news as to what was going on in the outside world.

The warden said he intended to put the four gunmen in cells in the upper gallery of the deathhouse. There are now four cells unoccupied. Becker will be unable to see the four men and they will be unable to see the former police lieutenant, but if they want to talk to each other the rules of the deathhouse do not prevent their doing so.

## INTOXICATED CHAUFFEUR HELD.

David Schultz, a chauffeur, twenty-eight years old, of No. 362 East 45th street, pleaded guilty yesterday morning in the West Side court to driving an automobile while intoxicated, and was held in \$500 bail for Special Sessions. Schultz was arrested on November 1, after a collision between an automobile he was driving in the West Drive, Central Park, near 95th street, and a car driven by Edward Kane, of No. 178 West 81st street, in which was a party of theatregoers. No one was seriously injured.

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KNABE; Mahogany; like new. Was \$500. NOW.....	\$405	MILLER, H. G.; Mahogany; like new. Was \$400. NOW.....	\$190
KNABE; Mahogany; like new. Was \$500. NOW.....	\$395	MARSHALL & WENDELL; Mahogany; like new. Was \$350. NOW.....	\$195
KNABE; Rose; like new. Was \$550. NOW.....	\$345	ARMS TRONG; Mahogany; like new. Was \$300. NOW.....	\$190
KNABE; Rose; like new. Was \$500. NOW.....	\$325	SHONINGER; Mahogany; good order. Was \$300. NOW.....	\$135
KNABE; Rose; like new. Was \$500. NOW.....	\$300	SCHUMAN; Mahogany; good order. Was \$250. NOW.....	\$90
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## WOULD IGNORE STATE LINES

Judge Prouty Says Federal Commission Must Be Supreme.

Washington, Nov. 19.—"There should be no such thing as a state line in the commercial interests of the United States," declared A. S. Prouty, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in his address of welcome at the opening here to-day of the twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners.

Judge Prouty expressed a desire for harmonious relations between federal and state commissions, but added, emphatically: "The federal body finally must be given authority so to regulate traffic as to protect the interests of all states, in their eagerness to develop that state, from obtaining an undue advantage in rates over those of other states. To that extent the federal commission must be supreme."

Forty-three states were represented at the first meeting of the commissioners, who will be here for four days.